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Filed: March 4, 1999 Examiner: Hendrickson, S.  
For: GRAPHITE POWDER FOR NEGATIVE ELECTRODE OF LITHIUM  
ION SECONDARY CELL AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE  
SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 9, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated June 20, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) In a graphite material for the negative electrode of a lithium ion secondary cell which material is capable of occluding or releasing lithium ions, the improvement wherein said graphite material absorbs or is coated with a single layer of surface active material that is free from graphitizing by heat treatment and consisting essentially of at least one

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